

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of processing a network-based print job comprised of ~~a~~ at least one document including a first page 1 through a last page n, wherein a control unit receives the print job from a computer workstation in a computer network and wherein the document was created at the computer workstation using an application program, the method comprising:

receiving into the control unit from the workstation, via a data network, data instructing the control unit to initiate print of a selected cover sheet associated with the print job;

communicating to the workstation, from the control unit, data representative of print options available for the print job, which print options include paper stock and print format associated with the selected cover sheet;

receiving, from the workstation, cover specification data representative of a selected set of the print options for the print job;

(a) the control unit, ~~interpreting a set of instructions in the print job and in~~ accordance with the workstation cover specification data, causing a printer to obtain a first sheet of paper from a first paper source specified thereby, the first sheet comprising a top cover;

(b) the control unit determining whether the top cover is one-sided, two-sided, or blank and;

(i) if the top cover is one-sided, the control unit causing the printer to print a first page of the document on one face of the first sheet of paper;

(ii) if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causing the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper and print a second page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper;

(iii) if the top cover is blank, the control unit causing the printer to output the first sheet of paper with a blank front face and a blank back face;

(e) the control unit causing the printer to obtain one or more subsequent sheets of paper from a second paper source;

(d) the control unit causing the printer to print one or more pages from a remainder of the document using the one or more subsequent sheets of paper, wherein each page of the remainder of the document is printed on only one face of each of the one or more subsequent sheets of paper.

2. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 1, wherein if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causes the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper.

3. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 1, wherein if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causes the printer to print a first page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper.

4. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 1, further comprising:

(a) the control unit causes the printer to obtain a last sheet of paper from the first paper source, the last sheet of paper comprising a bottom cover;

(b) the control unit causes the printer to print the last page of the document on a face of the last sheet of paper.

5. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 4, wherein the last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

6. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 4, wherein the last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

7. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 6, wherein a second to last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

8. (Currently Amended): A control unit for processing a at least one print job received from a networked computer workstation, the print job comprising a document comprised of a first page 1 through a last page n, wherein the document was created using an application program on the computer workstation, the control unit including computer readable software for instructing a printer to:

(a) receive from the workstation data initiating a print of a selected cover sheet by the printer;

(b) communicate to the workstation data representative of available print options for the print job, which print options include at least one of print stock and print formation associated with an associated cover sheet;

(c) receive from the workstation data representative of desired print options selected from the available print options;

(a)(d) obtain, in accordance with the data representative of desired print options, a first sheet of paper from a first paper source, the first sheet comprising a top cover;

(b)(e) determine whether the top cover is one-sided, two-side, or blank and;

(i) if the top cover is one-sided, print a first page of the document on one face of the first sheet of paper;

(ii) if the top cover is two-sided, print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper and print a second page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper;

(iii) if the top cover is blank, output the first sheet of paper with a blank front face and a blank back face;

(ef) obtain one or more subsequent sheets of paper from a second paper source;

(dg) print one or more pages from a remainder of the document using the one or more subsequent sheets of paper, wherein each page of the remainder of the document is printed on only one face of each of the one or more subsequent sheets of paper.

9. (Original): The control unit of claim 8, the software further for instructing the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper if the top cover is two-sided.

10. (Original): The control unit of claim 8, the software further for instructing the printer to print a first page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper if the top cover is two-sided.

11. (Original): The control unit of claim 8, the software further for instructing the printer to:

(a) obtain a last sheet of paper from the first paper source, the last sheet of paper comprising a bottom cover;

(b) print a last page of the document on a face of the last sheet of paper.

12. (Original): The control unit of claim 11, the software further for instructing the printer to print the last page of the document on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

13. (Original): The control unit of claim 11, the software further for instructing the printer to print the last page of the document on a back face of the last sheet of paper.

14. (Original): The control unit of claim 13, the software further for instructing the printer to print a second to last page of the document on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

15. (Original): The control unit of claim 11, wherein the top cover is one-sided and the bottom cover is two-sided.

16. (Original): The control unit of claim 11, wherein the top cover is two-sided and the bottom cover is one-sided.

17. (Currently Amended): A method of printing a at least one print job received from a networked computer workstation, the print job comprised of a set of instructions and a document including a first page 1 through a last page n, wherein the document was generated at the computer workstation, the method comprising a controller generating instructions for a printer to:

(a) receive from the workstation via the controller data initiating a print of a selected cover sheet by the printer;

(b) receive from the controller workstation data representative of a selected set of available print options for the print job, which print options include at least one of print stock and print formation associated with an associated cover sheet;

(c) receive from the workstation via the controller data representative of desired print options selected from the available print options;

(d) obtain, in accordance with the data representative of desired print options, a sheet of paper from a first paper source, the first sheet comprising a top cover;

(be) if the top cover is one-sided, print a first page of the document on one face of the first sheet of paper;

(ef) if the top cover is two-sided, print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper and print a second page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper;

(dg) if the top cover is blank, output the first sheet of paper with a blank front face and a blank back face;

(eh) obtain one or more subsequent sheets of paper from a second paper source;

(fi) print one or more pages from a remainder of the document using the one or more subsequent sheets of paper; wherein each page of the remainder of the document is printed on only one face of each of the one or more subsequent sheets of paper.

18. (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the controller further generates instructions for the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper if the top cover is two-sided.

19. (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the controller further generates instructions for the printer to print a first page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper if the top cover is two-sided.

20. (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the controller further generates instructions for the printer to:

(a) obtain a last sheet of paper from the first paper source, the last sheet of paper comprising a bottom cover;

(b) print a last page of the document on a face of the last sheet of paper.

21. (Currently Amended): A computer program product on a networked computer workstation, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable printer driver embodied therein for printing an object instance comprising a document having a first page 1 through a last page n, the computer workstation including a computer display and an input device, the printer driver including instructions for:

(a) receiving from an associated control unit, via a data network, data representative of print options available for the document;

(b) causing a dialog window to appear on the computer display, the dialog window providing the user the ability to activate one or more formatting features, set in accordance with the data representative of print options, with respect to printing a cover for the document, wherein a cover comprises a sheet of paper that is located at the beginning or the end of the document when the document is printed, the formatting features comprising:

- (i) a cover being printed on a front face of a sheet of paper;
 - (ii) a cover being printed on a back face of a sheet of paper;
 - (iii) a cover being printed on both a front face and a back face of a sheet of paper; and
 - (iv) a cover being printed on neither a front face nor a back face of a sheet of paper;
 - (v) a paper source for covers; and
 - (vi) a paper source for a remainder of the document; and
- (c) communicating data representative of the formatting features to an associated, networked printer for generation of a printout therefrom.

22. (Original): The computer program product on a computer workstation of claim 21, wherein the formatting features further comprise:

(a) the document including a top cover comprising a cover that is printed at the beginning of a printed document; and

(b) the document including a bottom cover comprising a cover that is printed at the end of a printed document.

23. (Original): The computer program product on a computer workstation of claim 21, wherein the dialog window includes user-selectable checkboxes coupled to a label describing the formatting features for the document.

24. (Original): The computer program product on a computer workstation of claim 21, wherein the dialog window includes a pull-down menu that permits a user to choose a cover paper source from a list of one or more paper sources.

25-30. (Cancelled)